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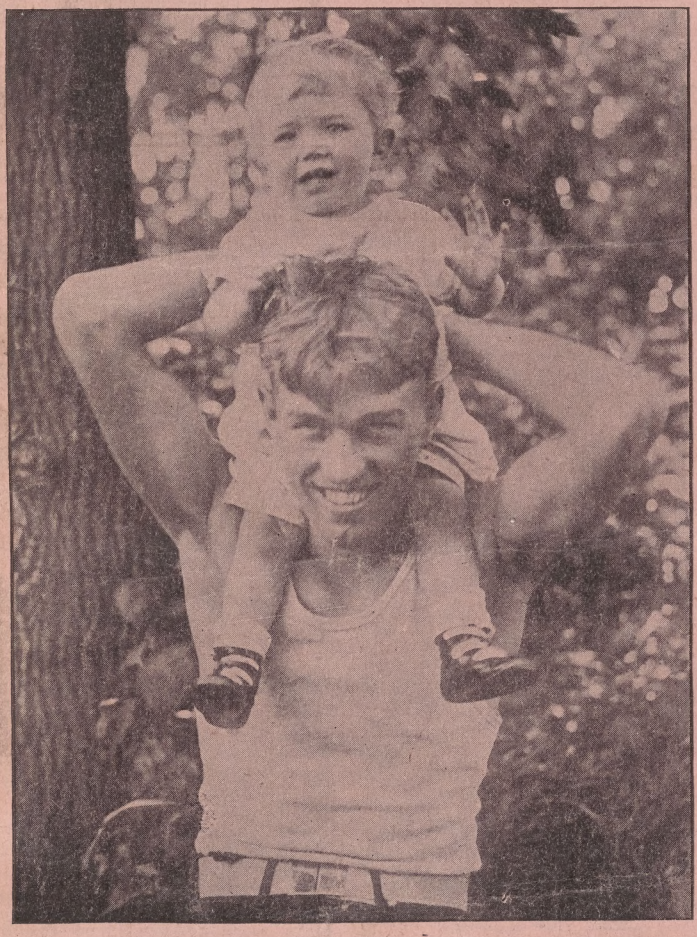
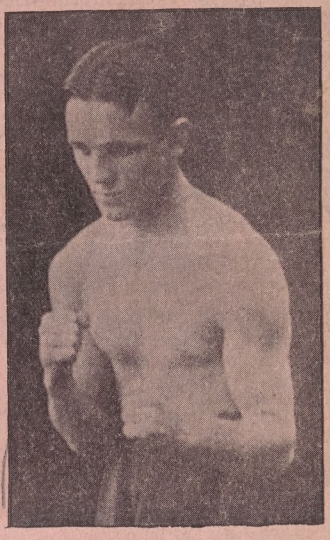
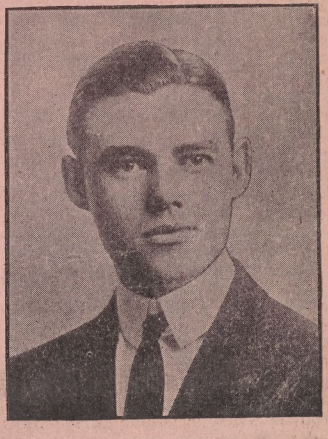


PINKIE MITCHELL

Winner of Boxing Blade Belt in Recent Voting Contest for Junior Welterweight Champion of the World at 140 Pounds, and "Pinkie" Junior. Outside the ring the popular Milwaukee Boxer is a regular daddy as can be seen from this photograph of him frolicking with his little son.



JOHNNY "PEEWEE" KAISER
St. Louis Bantam Under Management of Joe Levy



JAY J. THOMAS
Popular Kansas City Fight Manager

Professional Boxer Must Be Good Showman If He Wants to Please All the Fans, Says Mike Gibbons

To Be Successful Drawing Card, Boxer Must Often Change His Style and His Ring Tactics When He Learns That Crowd Doesn't Like His Usual Methods—Hard to Satisfy All as Some Want Good Boxing and Other Demand Slaughter and Knockout — Fans Should Learn Science of Boxing to Enjoy Game the Most

BY MIKE GIBBONS
The St. Paul "Phantom"

THE young boxer, beginning his professional career, quickly learns that simply beating his opponent will not insure him the success which brings wealth and an established reputation. Like the actor and the circus performer, a boxer is a showman—and being a showman, he must satisfy his audience.

MIKE GIBBONS

Boxers who have figured in many hard bouts will, as a rule, admit it was not unusual for them to re-arrange their tactics to suit the fans. It is a well known fact that a number of topnotch boxers would not draw a corporal's guard in some cities of the United States. The fans, living in these cities, whose likes and dislikes powerfully influence the promoters, don't want them. An unpleasant incident, a misunderstanding, a poor bout, a dogged determination to fight along certain lines which are not popular, or a dozen other incidents may have been responsible. The boxer won't draw.

I have often changed my tactics in the ring to suit the crowd. For instance, I could use my right cross most effectively against the jabbing type of boxer. A left lead from a man of this type quite often gave me my opportunity. But suppose my opponent was determined not to lead with his left. Suppose my efforts to get him to do so were making the bout seem rather tame. Is it necessary to say that a change of plan would be vital?

Had to Change Style

It MUST be done in New York. When I fought my first battles in Manhattan, my style pleased the audience. They seemed to be with me. Unconsciously I tried harder and harder to use the offense methods, and defense methods, which caught the fancy of the fans. They seemed to prefer shifty boxing and they gave me the impression that they came to see a scientific boxing match and not a quick knockout.

After I had boxed a number of times in New York, the fans became accustomed to my style. Then they indicated rather sharply that they wanted something else. After my service as a boxing instructor for the United States army, I realized that the boxing devotees quite generally had shifted to the slashing style of milling, so I changed my methods This perhaps, caused some of my friends to wonder why I often stood toe to toe with sluggers whom I could have easily outpointed had I elected to box cleverly.

As a rule, boxing fans are far more excited than the men in the ring—provided, of course, the fighters are experienced. A veteran boxer whose mind is concentrated upon his work, seldom hears the volleys of advice, suggestion, and criticism which the crowd pours out, except during clinches and between rounds. But a boxer can quickly sense the attitude of the crowd toward his performance.

Can't Satisfy All

It may surprise some fans to know that on a few occasions, after I had won contests by quick knockouts, a number of persons came to me and asked why I didn't give them a run for their money. In January, 1916, when I boxed Ahearn, in St. Paul, a right cross stopped the fight early in the first round. The next day a friend, who had occupied a ringside seat came to me with his tale of woe. It seems that he wore thick glasses and just as the fight started, he took them off to wipe them. "When I got them on again, it was all over," he complained.

A punch which often is lost to some persons attending a bout is the jolt which travels three or four inches. My suggestion to fight fans who do not believe that vigorous damage can be wrought during clinches, or that a three inch blow cannot have k. o. force, is that they do a little boxing with an experienced glove wielder.

A few years ago, when I was something of a baseball fan, there was a controversy over the various methods of reporting ball games. One faction wanted slangy stories. Another demanded clean cut English. One paper put the issue to a vote. The ball players, with few exceptions, voted for polite English, while quite a number of college professors said they liked the slang.

Tastes Are Different

So it is with boxing. Tastes are varied—and surprising. I know that a lot of fans may take exception to this article but I am going to be honest, not diplomatic. Fight fans have made the game, have ejected the fakir and have eliminated many bad features. But a great many of them have Cave Man ideas and I conscientiously believe that this attitude really deprives them of a lot of legitimate enjoyment.

The thing in a nutshell is science versus crude slugging. Champion boxers are the drawing cards. Cheap sluggers do not pack houses. There is a tremendous lot of science put on exhibition in a good ten round bout—more so, perhaps, than in any other sort of athletic contest. But quite often, the fans hiss and roar for "action." More than once when this has taken place during a really good bout I have thought: "Why don't they pay twenty-five or fifty dollars to a couple of husky bricklayers and put on a show in an alley?" Please remember, I am not directing these remarks to the many students of the game who appreciate the fine points.

There are thousands of boxers in the United States. Hundreds of them are powerful fellows whose blows would cuckoo a horse. But only a score of the entire lot are really big drawing cards. What made them drawing cards? Skill, of course. If this is true, why is it that fans will pay their good money to watch these men in action and then protest to the heavens because murder was not committed?

How to Enjoy Bout

When I am in the ring, boxing is a cold business. When I am a spectator it is a thrilling sport. I know that many fans dislike that "slow first round." To me, it is a wonderful three minutes, provided the headliners are well matched and, by the way, good matches are a vital secret of successful promoting. I have always made it a practice to try to figure out in advance just what style each fellow will use. Then I try to watch them closely as they shake hands. What will this fellow try to do? How will the other boy try to off-set him? Cleverness versus punching ability brings up other interesting problems. The bell rings.

One fellow steps in, feints, and steps back. The opponent tries something. Each, perhaps, found the other prepared. There is evidence that a good fight is impending. They come together again; try different tactics. A blow is slipped, or sidestepped, or blocked. One leads and barely misses receiving a terrific counter wallop. Instantly, he realizes that the punch

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

BOOMING Jim Corbett for chairman of the Commish is another foolish folderol.

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Jim is making about $40,000 a year as an actor with Billy B. Van.

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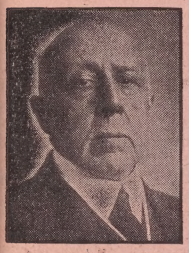

A. T. LUMLEY

So why should the former big champ work for glory and trouble when he can earn $40,000 before the footlights?

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Frank E. Loughlin, president of the New York A. C. can have job if he wants it.

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Mr. Loughlin is a high class, fearless sportsman, and a multi-millionaire.

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He knows boxing well enough to fill the position with credit and ability.

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But he's too independent and honest to allow any politicians to monkey with him.

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In the interim Mr. Muldoon is working all political wires to retain his exalted position on the Commish.

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Bill Brown, the veteran referee, is another candidate for chairman.

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Brown would probably paint the Commish a brilliant red and shoot off a lot of flashy fireworks.

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John Weismantel, who promoted boxing clubs in Brooklyn so successfully, cleaned up a big bankroll on the race tracks recently.

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Weismantel was always popular in the boxing game for his fairness and enterprise.

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Many men like Weismantel often acquired their first substantial wealth in Fistiana.

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And then invested their money in other ventures that led to big financial success.

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Yes, there's quite a number of millionaires today who can thank boxing for their start to opulence.

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Prohibition doesn't seem to cut any ice with some of the Broadway managers.

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They seem to be able to become highly illuminated whenever the spirit moves them.

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And the spirits are usually 90 per cent or over, the real McCoy, you know.

Guaranteed not to foul or knock you out in three or four rounds.

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Joe Woodman and Scotty Monteith are now keeping steady company.

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Scotty is an assistant matchmaker at the Garden and Joe sees that Scotty doesn't let the horses interfere with his fistic selections.

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Too many matchmakers and managers, however, do not allow boxing to interfere with their play on the ponies.

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So when they lose on the horses what they have made on their fighters, they blame it all on boxing.

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This is what Jack Rogers calls "bug house logic."

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If the Commish was to suspend all the nuts in the boxing game here what a blessing that would be.

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Paul Keller, the irrepressible barber, says that Frank Moran sold himself to him (Kessler) for a certain amount of gold.

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And then Moran flew off to England without bidding the barberous manager even "adieu."

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So beware of the tricky fighter, ye unsophisticated, who wants to sell himself to you on the C. O. D. basis.

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If you really want to buy him, let it be on the installment plan.

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And even then you had better lock the trickster up in a safe deposit vault and take out a life insurance on him.

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As predicted in this gossip last week, Harry Greb has disposed of his faithful manager, George Engle.

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They say that Harry wants a more cheerful and genial impressario, who will whoop it up with him occasionally.

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It's easier to nurse a temperamental prima donna than it is some high strung fighter.

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Ask Fred Costain, who nurses and soothes Harry Wills in the Brown Panther's darkest moments.

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Fred knows when Harry begins to grow pale there's something wrong so he immediately applies his secret soothing syrup.

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Paddy Mullins tells me he won't let Wills box Jack Johnson.

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"Johnson was offered a very liberal sum to meet Wills last summer, but he demanded $120,000 for his end," said Paddy.

Holy Smokes! $120,000 is quite a sumptuous joke for any such moke, win, tie or lose.

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When some scrappers get hit on the funny bone they don't even smile.

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Jimmy Kelly, Pepper Martin's manager is out of the hospital in fine form again.

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But how suddenly Pepper injured his arm when he was booked to meet Kid Lew Kaplan.

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Suppose the Ku Klux Klan got after the bunk boxers and managers.

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Wouldn't that be a fine way to wipe out the hippodromers?

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Charley Rose wants to hire Siki to second some of his fighters.

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Charley imagines that the referees and judges would be more careful in their decisions with Siki within punching distance.

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But we have enough of comedy in the New York rings at present.

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Jack Curley is again staging wrestling matches in this city.

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He's started the grappling game going at both the Commonwealth and the Brooklyn Broadway Clubs.

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Curley expects to hold some big bouts in the armories when the new boxing commission is appointed.

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It was Billy Barry, the Irish Comedian, who originated "Muldoon, the Solid Man," and not the chairman of the Commish.

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Barry was a famous favorite in a farce comedy entitled "Muldoon's Picnic" when our chairman was only an ordinary New York Cop.

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Scotty Monteith was dumbfounded when he was suspended for thirty days.

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He and other victims are still up in the air over their suspensions.

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Many a poor devil died from being suspended—up in the air especially.

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Frankie Jerome was given a rank decision in his bout with Billy Rykoff.

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Strange that Frankie should get the worst of it in his own manager's club.

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For it's quite an open secret that Billy Gibson is Mogul behind the Fairmount Sporting Club where Jerome and Rykoff boxed.

Career of Frank Churchill, Manager of Pancho Villa, Makes Vivid Fiction Stories Look Tame

Pilot of Filipino Flyweight Champion of America Cleaned up Fortune in Alaska During Gold Rush and Lost It—Puts Last Stake of $6.50 on Gambling Game and Takes Down $600 Which Gets Him Out of Frozen North—Makes Come-Back in Manila and Again Wins Riches—Managing Boxers is Merely Hobby

BY FRANK G. MENKE
Noted Sports Writer

EVERY so often a story jumps out of the swirl of real life which makes the most vivid fiction writer seem like an imaginative piker.

The one which concerns Frank A. Churchill can be cited as Exhibit A.

Churchill, who is reputed to be a millionaire, and who gets most of his fun out of life through the management of Pancho Villa, the Filipino flyweight, who is champion of America, decided 25 years ago that Boston, his old home town, didn't pack enough thrills to house him longer.

So Churchill, just emerging from his teens, galloped across the continent and didn't stop travelling until he reached Alaska—which was in the gold rush days of 1897.

Churchill spent five years in the Northland. Rex Beach, the author, was one of his pals and partners during part of that time. Churchill met up with Tex Richard frequently and was either a partner or a cronie of most of the men of a generation ago who made fame and history in Alaska.

Makes Fortune

After more than four years, Churchill made a strike. He put the money into the purchase of a house, a business block and some land which many figured would produce gold in huge quantities. At that moment Churchill was reckoned to be worth at least $250,000.

Then came the "breaks."

A suit was filed against Churchill by parties who alleged that the men who had sold the house, the business places and the claims were not the rightful owners; that the ownership papers which they turned over to Churchill had been forgeries. The thing dragged through the courts.

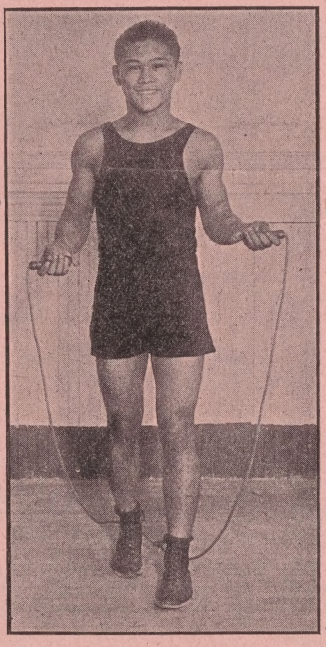
Churchill became sick. While he was in a makeshift hospital his pals lost track of him. Beach and the others took the second last boat sailing from Nome so that they could get out of Alaska before the winter freezeup.

Has $6.50 Left

When Churchill recovered he found that his earthly possessions consisted of $6.50. And every friend that he had made in the Northland either had sailed away or had gone from Nome into other parts of Alaska.

"I got out of bed and started to walk around town trying to figure out what I was going to do," related Churchill. "I came at last to a saloon and gambling house which was being operated by Tex Rickard. Thinking that I might find in there someone that I knew, I walked in. But there wasn't a familiar face.

"As I was about to walk out I stopped for a minute to watch a 'Black Jack' game. I never had played it in my life. But after watching it for about ten minutes I got the idea. Finally I threw down 50 cents, played a hand and won it. I played another.



PANCHO VILLA

"Well, the rest of the story is simple. I went into that place at about 2 in the afternoon with $6.50 and came out of there at 4:30 with $600. And by racing, I was able to catch the last boat that sailed out of Alaska that winter—1902. I never have been back there since."

Cleans Up Again

Asked what became of his property there, Churchill said:

"When I got into Seattle I met a lawyer I knew. I explained the case to him. He told me he was going to Alaska and would handle the thing for me. I gave him full power to act for me. He went to Alaska. I have never heard from him since—nor have I ever heard what happened to the property except that gold was found on it and in big quantities, too."

Churchill went to Manila soon after he quit Alaska, started a carnival business there, then went into the advertising game and has cleaned up a fortune. His love for the fight game caused him to organize a boxing club there and it was at that place that he developed and brought Pancho Villa and Elino Flores, the Filipino lightweight to the fore.

BOXER MUST BE SHOWMAN

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he used is not safe against that style of a boxer. What will he try next? The bell ends the round. Perhaps neither man has landed a clean blow. Maybe some of the gallery crowd are making caustic remarks. They should be cheering.

The Real Punches

In fairness, however, to the fellows who are many rows from the ring, it is a fact that it is difficult to enjoy a fight unless one is close to the principals. Much is lost to a man sitting way back. The real punches are not the clumsy swings; they are the short, deadly blows. Cleverness can hardly be gauged from a distance. A blocked blow or a slipped punch often cannot be seen more than fifty feet from the ring.

Every fan who has attended a few bouts, knows that a wild swinger hasn't the slightest idea whether and where his blow is going to land. Almost every fan knows that when two clumsy sluggers meet, one invariably will take a couple of stiff punches and then take ten seconds. It is by no means a secret that the fellow who lands the first wild haymaker generally wins the bout.

Is that boxing? Is that what a majority of fans want? One can hardly blame top-notchers for declaring that some of their best tricks are appreciated only by close followers of the sport. My advice to fans in general, is to banish the thought of a knockout and try to make a mental score of the progress of each boxer. Watch the short, snappy blows. Watch how the man who receives them, acts. Time and again, a short clip on the jaw puts a boxer out on his feet and no one realizes it.

Eastern Boxing News and Comment

BY CLARENCE S. GILLESPIE

NEW YORK CITY.—Kid Kaplan, the latest sensation in the 130-pound ranks, was a winner over Kid Sullivan after twelve rounds of rough milling at the Garden, Nov. 24th. Sullivan was just a bit too slow for the Meriden, Conn., battler.

Clarence S. Gillespie

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Andy Thomas, after suffering a knock down in the opening round, came fast and won the verdict over Joe Welling in the second half of the double windup. The boys put up a wonderful battle for twelve rounds and will probably be rematched.

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Pete Zivic defeated Kid Lewis in the opening four-rounder and Joe Frisco was a winner over Tibby Watson in six rounds. The show only drew $21,000, which is a small gate for the Garden.

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Floyd Johnson wants it known that he is ready for Farmer Lodge and all that is necessary is for some club to come to the front with a fair offer. Floyd may box Bill Brennan at the Garden in December or early January.

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Harvey Bright made a big hit at the Olympia, Philadelphia, November 20th, when he defeated Earl Hartman, one of the best of the Quaker City feathers. The boys went the scheduled eight rounds with the Fighting Doctor always in front. Harvey scored the only knockdown of the battle sending his man down for the count of nine in the seventh round.

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Harry Greb and Gene Tunney are signed to box at the Garden, December 29th. The Pittsburger has announced that he will manage his own affairs after his contract expires with George Engel. Bad judgment on Harry's part, as there have been few fighters that could successfully manage their ring affairs. It is to be regretted that the two boys could not hit it up together. Engel is a straightforward chap and knows the game thoroughly. He points to the fact that Greb has made over $100,000 under his management. Probably between now and the time the contract expires the boys will patch things up and go on as usual.

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Charley Pitts and George Chaney put up a sensational scrap at the Olympia, Philadelphia, November 20th. Knockout George was expected to make short work of Pitts but the latter was right in there at the end of the eighth round battling the Baltimore boy and giving as good as he received.

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Midget Smith and Pancho Villa at 118 pounds is a match that is in the making and will in all probability take place at the Garden during January. The Midget is in good form again and that means that all the bantams will have their work cut out for them.

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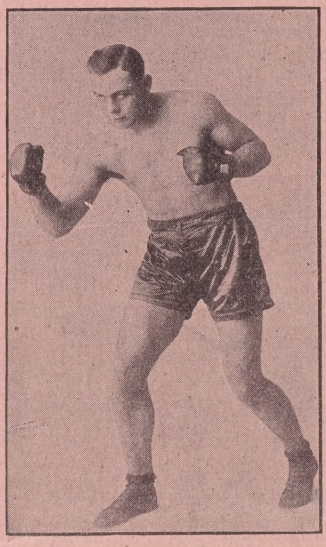
Manager Joe Wagner has had Jack Sharkey re-instated. This great little battler was set down for one year but Joe had it lifted in less than three months and expects to keep his charge busy from now on and as Jack has promised to keep in good shape the boys should get plenty of profitable engagements.



FLOYD JOHNSON
Iowa Heavyweight Whom Jess Willard Wants to Fight

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Frank Churchill still demands $25,000 for Pancho Villa to box Frankie Genaro. This seems exorbitant in view of the fact that Genaro has twice defeated the little Filipino.

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Jack Delaney, the Bridgeport, Conn., battler is back in shape and will tackle Knockout Johnny King at Waterbury, Conn., the first week in December.

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Sonny Smith is still waiting for Midget Smith to accept his challenge and several clubs want the match. Wake up, Harry Neary.

Mickey Walker, welterweight champion, has been doing a little stage work but will get busy after January 1st. Jimmy Kelly, the New York boy who battled Jack Britton at Havana, Cuba, will be his first opponent.

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Wallie Jackson, fighting his first battle under the management of Sammy Goldman, made a great hit at the Olympia, Philadelphia, Nov. 20th, when he fought Johnny Mealy eight fast rounds.

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The Boxing Commission refused to allow a Pancho Villa-Terry Martin match at 116 pounds, and ordered Villa to confine his efforts to the flyweight class.

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Johnny Dundee, junior lightweight champion easily earned the judges' decision over Phil Delmont in 12 rounds at the Broadway Exhibition association club, New York City, Nov. 27th. Delmont was willing, but was outclassed all the way. They weighed in at 135.

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Pancho Villa, American flyweight champion went out of his class when he defeated Young Montreal, bantamweight in ten rounds at Boston, Nov. 27th. Villa won eight rounds, Montreal one and one was even.

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In Philadelphia they are singing the praises of Eddie (Kid) Wagner, who seeks a match with Johnny Dundee for the 130-pounds championship. Wagner started as a newsboy, as did Lew Tendler when he was a youngster. He hustled papers around the Broad Street station in Philly and knocked out a few of the kiddies who tried to get his stand. Maxie Hoff saw he had some fistic prospects and signed him to a contract. Wagner has had over 75 fights in his pro career, defeating some of the best boys at his weight. He can make the featherweight limit of 126 pounds but his manager claims he can't get him any work in that division.

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Eddie and Jess McMahon are turning them away at their Commonwealth Club, since the cool weather started.

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SUPERVISION of boxing in states where the commission plan is in effect was presumably placed under these officials for the purpose of keeping the sport within the law.

In other words, the commissions are empowered to regulate boxing and to see that it is conducted according to law.

But there have been many instances where commissions have overstepped their legal authority and have assumed powers that do not legally belong to them.

Boxers and managers are barred indiscriminately for little or no reason except to satisfy the egotism of some officious officials who crave to show and exercise their authority. It makes no difference whether these officials are fitted to pass judgment on the acts or alleged offenses of the individuals who incur their disfavor or displeasure.

Granting that some boxing commissioners are capable of filling their office, it has been conclusively proved that many of them don't know what it's all about.

It may truthfully be said that comparatively few of these officials are competent to judge the merits of anything connected with boxing. How can officials be expected to rule wisely when they are political appointees who don't know any more about boxing than an Eskimo knows about sunstroke, and who think that an uppercut is something you get in a butcher shop.

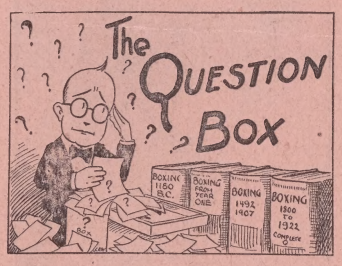
This is no fantastic exaggeration in an attempt to be funny. It is a fact that not long ago the chairman of a boxing commission in a state not a million miles from here, proposed to a promoter that he match a well known middleweight and a prominent bantamweight. Any newsboy would have known better.

As to the exceeding of their authority by some boxing commissions, an example is had in the case of Jack Dempsey. Here we have the champion of the world barred from fighting any except the opponents picked for him by the state commissions. It is a sure-thing 1000 to 1 bet that the general public, in whose interest they pretend to act, know more about the relative merits of Dempsey's contenders and their chances with the champion than does 90 per cent of the boxing commissions that presume to think and decide for them.

There are other cases too numerous to mention here.

It is enough to make John L. Sullivan and Bob Fitzsimmons squirm in their graves.

On the whole it seems to have reached a stage where there is need of regulations to regulate the regulators.



Q. How many times has Johnny Kilbane been knocked out and why by?—J. S., East Haddam, Conn.

A. Kilbane has been knocked out once, by Benny Leonard in three rounds in 1917.

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Q. In what round was the Nelson-Wolgast fight stopped?—G. O. S., Livingston, Mont.

A. Fortieth round.

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Q. Did Bill Brennan whip Jack Dempsey?—O. Y., Sioux Falls, S. D.

A. No.

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Q. Was Bud Logan ever knocked out?—G. K., Chicago.

A. No.

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Q. How many times has Jack Dempsey been knocked out and by whom? How many times has Georges Carpentier been knocked out and by whom?—T. J., Montreal, Quebec.

A. Dempsey was knocked out by Jim Flynn in one round in 1917. Carpentier has been knocked out three times, by Gloria in 1909, by Dempsey in 1921 and by Battling Siki this fall. Gloria won in the sixth round, Dempsey in the fourth and Siki in the sixth.

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Q. Did Harry Wills ever defeat Jack Thompson? If so, give date.—D. M., Boston.

A. Wills and Thompson have met five times. One was a ten round, no decision bout in 1916. Another was a six round, no decision bout in 1918. Wills won the decision in fifteen rounds in 1920 and another bout that year was called no contest. It went three rounds. Thompson claimed a foul in the fifth round at Denver in 1921 and the referee stopped the bout, declaring it no contest.

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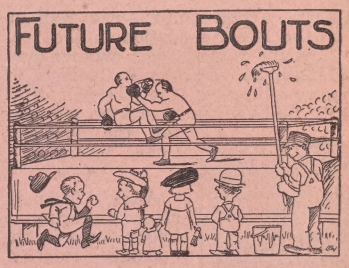
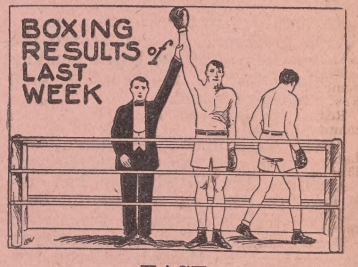
Q. Please publish the addresses of Jimmy Dunn and Biddy Bishop, managers.—W. McG., Terre Haute, Ind.

A. The address of Biddy Bishop is Box 540, Cincinnati, Ohio. His street address is 330 East Fourth street. Jimmy Dunn, 2433 West Twenty-fifth street, Cleveland, Ohio.



Jim Delaney vs. Harry Greb, 10 rounds, Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 8th, 1923.
Jim Tracy vs. Homer Smith, 10 rounds, Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 15th.
John Lester Johnson vs. Jamaica Kid, 12 rounds, New York City, Dec. 5th.
Jeff Smith vs. Eddie Tremblay, 10 rounds, Portland, Maine, Dec. 8th.
Jeff Smith vs. Capt. Bob Roper, 10 rounds, Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 28th.
Tommy O'Brien vs. Johnny Dundee, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29th.
Sailor Friedman vs. Pete Latzo, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11th.
Mel Coogan vs. Bert Spargo, Sydney, Australia, Dec. 9th.
Leo Gates vs. Al Roberts, 12 rounds, Staten Island, New York City, Dec. 4th.
Pal Moran vs. Joe Tiplitz, 10 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 11th.
Patsy Wallace vs. Bad News Ebor, 10 rounds, Toronto, Ont., Canada, Dec. 8th.
Louis Bogash vs. "Italian" Joe Gans, 12 rounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 7th.
"Trish" Johnny Curtin vs. Midget Smith, 12 rounds, Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 4th.
Benny Valgar vs. Willie Ames, 10 rounds, Akron, Ohio, Dec. 7th.
Jack Josephs vs. Jimmie Sacco, 4 rounds, Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 5th.
Cowboy Padgett vs. K. O. Loughlin, 10 rounds, Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 5th.
George Parr vs. Frank Portogallo, 10 rounds, Canton, Ohio, Dec. 8th.
Bud Gaus vs. Walter O'Keefe, 10 rounds, Canton, Ohio, Dec. 8th.
Tom King vs. Bert Tribbey, 10 rounds, Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 28th.
Jack Eile vs. Joe Burman, 10 rounds, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15th.



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Johnny Dundee defeated K. O. Phil Delmont, twelve rounds at New York, November 27th.

Pancho Villa defeated Young Montreal, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., November 27th.

Andy Thomas defeated Joe Welling, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 24th.

Johnny Martin knocked out Louis Reale, fourth round at New York City, Nov. 24th.

Dannie Lee knocked out Phil O'Dowd, first round at New York City, Nov. 25th.

Johnny Gannon defeated Tommy Lynch, ten rounds at New York City, Nov. 24th.

Pickles Martin defeated Andy Tucker, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 18th.

Petey Hayes defeated Buddy Wallace, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 18th.

Bobby Wagner defeated Danny Howard at New York City, Nov. 18th.

Billy Ryckoff defeated Frankie Jerome, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Carl Duane defeated Frankie Daly, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Buck Josephs defeated Joe Reed, ten rounds at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Marty Silvers defeated Al Mitchell, eight rounds at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Jack Renault knocked out Silent Purier, eight rounds at New York City, Nov. 21st.

Henry Catena defeated Johnny Inhouse, ten rounds at New York City, Nov. 21st.

Gypsy Daniels defeated Jack Douglas, eight rounds at New York City, Nov. 21st.

Larry Estridge defeated Alex (Kid) Gibbons, twelve rounds at New York City, Nov. 21st.

Sandy Taylor defeated Tony Marto, ten rounds at New York City, Nov. 23rd.

Willie Gilligan and Young Andy Ketchell boxed ten rounds to a draw at New York City, Nov. 23rd.

Willie Darcy defeated Mickey Nelson, twelve rounds at Staten Island, New York City, Nov. 20th.

Frankie Sinclair defeated Scotty Melcomb, ten rounds at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Sammy Berne knocked out Roy Taylor, second round at New York City, Nov. 20th.

Willie Farley and Midget Griffo boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Staten Island, New York City, Nov. 20th.

Frankie Engle defeated Dutch Brandt, twelve rounds to a draw at Staten Island, New York City, Nov. 20th.

Frankie Engle defeated Dutch Brandt, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 18th.

Red Cap Wilson and Italian Joe Dempsey boxed ten rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20th.

Tony Lyons knocked out Al Boyle, sixth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20th.

Patsy Flanagan defeated Joe Ryder, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20th.

Joe Glick defeated Al Kale, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 21st.

Young Eppy defeated Harry Lemar at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 21st.

Johnny Gannon defeated Tommy Lynch, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 23rd.

Happy Mahoney defeated Charlie Pappas, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 23rd.

Danny Ross knocked out Charlie Picker, fourth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 23rd.

Johnny Gray and Terry Miller boxed ten rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 17th.

Johnny Gannon knocked out Howard Mayberry, second round at Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 17th.

George (Kayo) Chaney defeated Charley Pitts, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Johnny Mealy defeated Willie Jackson eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Harvey Bright defeated Earl Hartman, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Joe Welch defeated Harry Galfund at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Nate Carp defeated Marty Kane at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Joe McCabe defeated Ivory Eshelman, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Frankie Maguire defeated Jimmy Montgomery, ten rounds at Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 20th.

Rosy Story defeated Terry Martin, eight rounds at Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 20th.

Bermondsey Billy Wells defeated Steve Latzo, ten rounds at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 23rd.

Alex Trambitas defeated Johnny Smith, ten at Fall River, Mass., Nov. 17th.

Louis Bogash defeated Bryan Downey, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., Nov. 20th.

Tommy Lynch defeated Franky Ryan, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., Nov. 20th.

Johnny Downes defeated Carlie Parker, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., Nov. 21st.

Billy Woods defeated Shavor O'Brien, ten rounds at Boston, Mass., Nov. 21st.

Al Lewis defeated Kid Pippin, eight rounds at Boston, Mass., Nov. 21st.

Mickey Carson knocked out Mike Mandot, seventh round at Boston, Mass., Nov. 21st.

Jackie Clark defeated Pal Reed, ten rounds at Worcester, Mass., Nov. 23rd.

Chick Suggs defeated Frankie Murray, ten rounds at New Bedford, Mass., Nov. 20th.

Pal Reed won on a foul from Young Fisher in the fifth round at Mariesville, R. I., Nov. 17th.

Terry Martin defeated Charlie Triano, twelve rounds at Newark, N. J., Nov. 20th.

Joe Reno defeated George (Young) Erne, twelve rounds at Trenton, N. J., Nov. 20th.

Eddie Burnbrook knocked out Johnny Wolgast, first round at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20th.

Kid Lewis defeated Bobby Doyle, twelve rounds at Hartford, Conn., Nov. 23rd.

Frankie Mack knocked out Jackie Cope, fifth round at Hartford, Conn., Nov. 23rd.

Kid Williams won on a foul from Eddie O'Dowd in the ninth round at Providence, R. I., Nov. 24th.

Pat Reid won on a foul from Young Fisher in the fifth round at Providence, R. I., Nov. 17th.

Louis Lavelle defeated K. O. Circus, ten rounds at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20th.

Sidney Glick defeated Jackie Barnhardt, ten rounds at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20th.

Joe Cooper defeated Tommy McDuff, ten rounds at Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20th.

A. Ziemer knocked out Bert Palmer, ninth round at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 20th.

Midget Smith defeated Young Montreal, ten rounds at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 17th.

Benny Valgar defeated J. O. Jeakle, twelve rounds at Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Chuck Byers defeated Rem Williams, eight rounds at Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Eddie Van Wert defeated Tommy Milton, six rounds at Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Joe Lynch knocked out Benny Schwartz, fifth round at Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 24th.

Bud Christiana defeated Frankie Callahan, twelve rounds at Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Speedy Sparks defeated Joe Packo, ten rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Young Hopewood defeated Joe Anderson, eight rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Earl Richter defeated Fighting Ferraris, six rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Dick Sullivan knocked out Bonus McCormick, first round at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 20th.

Carl Morris knocked out "Tut" Jackson, ninth round at Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 22nd.

Charlie Winters defeated Jimmy Katz, eight rounds at Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 22nd.

Dutcher Mitchell defeated Kid Howard, eight rounds at Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 22nd.

MIDDLE WEST

Jack Eile knocked out Frankie Palmer, third round at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22nd.

Benny Berris defeated Harry Burke, ten rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 22nd.

Ross Murphy defeated Joe Cook, six rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24th.

Bud Taylor defeated Billy O'Brien, eight rounds at Peoria, Ill., November 27th.

Tommy O'Brien defeated K. O. Jaekle, ten rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24th.

Vic Martin defeated Rocky Castle, six rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24th.

Jock Malone knocked out Jack Duffy, fourth round at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24th.

Tim Hurst defeated Charley Glaser, six rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 24th.

Tommy White and Battling Williams boxed six rounds to a draw at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23rd.

Eddie Walsh defeated Pete Mistle, six rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23rd.

Frankie Kenard and Buck O'Brien boxed six rounds to a draw at Chiacgo, Ill., Nov. 23rd.

Eddie Faltine defeated Adlon Gagyon, six rounds at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23rd.

Frankie Schmalzer defeated Billy Hogan, eight rounds at Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 15th.

Frankie Welch knocked out "Jabber" Young, sixth round at Clinton, Iowa., Nov. 15th.

Walter Paulson defeated "Young" Wolgast, three rounds at Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 15th.

"Kid" Cunningham knocked out "Buster" Sexton, third round at Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 15th.

Chester Gump defeated Vic Storer, four rounds at Clinton, Iowa, Nov. 15th.

FAR WEST

Tommy Commiskey defeated Jimmy Clabby, twelve rounds at Denver, Colo., Nov. 24th.

Jack Doyle defeated Kid Belt, ten rounds at Denver, Colo., Nov. 24th.

Mat Flannigan and Willie Hope boxed four rounds to a draw at Denver, Colo., Nov. 24th.

SOUTH

Claude Wilson and Tim O'Dowd boxed ten rounds to a draw at Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 17th.

Battling Barnett defeated Lew Silver, twelve rounds at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 24th.

Freddy Boorde defeated Jackie Carr, ten rounds at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 24th.

Battling Benson defeated Soldier Davis, six rounds at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 24th.

Pewee Burns and Young Bob Martin boxed four rounds to a draw at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 24th.

Memphis Kid Dugan defeated Jimmie Finley, eight rounds at Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20th.

Pascal Coletti defeated Kid Williams, ten rounds at New Orleans, La., Nov. 20th.

Ernie Perrin defeated (Moon) Poretto, ten rounds at New Orleans, La., Nov. 20th.

Jimmie King defeated Sailor Blanque, ten rounds at New Orleans, La., Nov. 20th.

PACIFIC COAST

Alex Tasloff and "Wildcat" Henry Borba boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

"California Joe" Lynch defeated Jimmy Mendo, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Charley Hendricks defeated Young Lee Anderson, at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Harry Scott defeated Joe Medina, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Eddie Sylvester knocked out Jaclie Hynes, second round at San Francisco, Calif, Nov. 21st.

Benny Demske knocked out Tony Freitas, first round at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Billy Harold defeated Pete Villa, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Joe Chaney defeated Louie Garcia, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Young Vasquez defeated Bobby Sheller, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Tex Jones defeated Kid Rubio, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Cyclone Johnson and Blackie Rice boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Ray Bunche and Battling Murphy boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Ray Long defeated Teddy O'Hara, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Sailor Ritter defeated Young George, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 21st.

Jimmy Sacco defeated Otto Wallace, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Harry Smith defeated Willie Williams, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 17th.

Danny Nunes knocked out Ad Macke, tenth round at Portland, Ore., Nov. 21st.

Weldon Wing knocked out Matty Smith, eighth round at Portland, Ore., Nov. 21st.

Chick Rocco defeated Leo Bell, four rounds at Portland, Ore., Nov. 21st.

Kid Johnson and Joe Hoff boxed four rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., Nov. 21st.

Brick Coyle knocked out George Hale, third round at Portland, Ore., Nov. 21st.

Joe Gorman defeated George Burns, six rounds at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23rd.

Johnny Trambitas defeated Harry Casey, six rounds at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23rd.

Dode Bercott defeated George Wells, four rounds at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23rd.

Jimmy Smith and Marshall Foss boxed four rounds to a draw at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23rd.

Charley Mael knocked out Buddy McDonald, fourth round at Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 23rd.

MEXICO

Mike Mota and Manuel Chapparro boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 17th.

Chas. Garcia defeated Manuel Castro, four rounds at Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 17th.

Gus Galindo and Tony Guadarrama boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 17th.

Kid Lira and Chas. Pavon boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 17th.

Joe Leopold knocked out Arcade Lesser, third round at Mexico City, Mexico, Nov. 17th.

Jimmy Barry won on a foul from Lee Anderson in the sixth round at Mexicali, Mexico, Nov. 21st.

CANADA

Eddie Shevlin defeated Moe Herscovitch, ten rounds at Montreal, Que., Canada, Nov. 20th.

Matty Cordes and George Blain boxed to a draw at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Nov. 21st.

EUROPE

Marcel Niles knocked out Tom Barry, first round at Paris, France, Nov. 23rd.

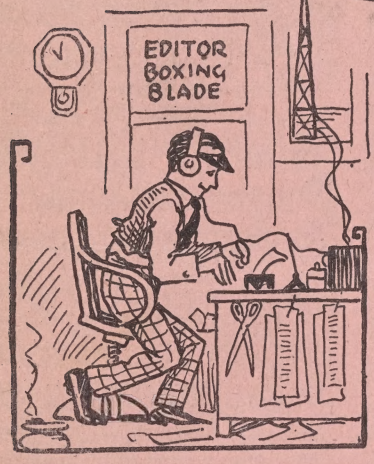
Bartley Madden defeated English ex-guardsman Penwill, fifteen rounds at London, England, November 27th.

AUSTRALIA

Mel Coogan won on a foul from Pat Bradley in the eleventh round at Sydney, Australia, Nov. 18th.

BOXING NEWS

IF YOU DON'T FIND IT IN THE BLADE



DAN LACKEY, Oklahoma City promoter, will stage his Jim Delaney-Harry Greb light heavyweight title bout during a gala celebration at the Oklahoma capital early in January. The festivities will mark the inauguration of Governor-elect J. O. Walton and the Oklahoma folks say it will be one of the biggest gatherings in history.

The inauguration will be held at the state fair grounds in view of everyone who wishes to see it and reports from Oklahoma City say 300,000 persons are expected to assemble for the occasion. A big barbecue will be a feature of the celebration.

Lackey has proven himself a capable promoter in the boxing field and the Oklahoma Cityans evidently think very highly of his ability to promote other events for they have placed him in charge of the inaugural arrangements.

The Delaney-Greb bout will add much color to the occasion and Lackey will undoubtedly be forced to "turn 'em away." Even as an attraction of its own, Dan expected, judging from advance sale and the enthusiasm, that it would draw a record attendance for bouts in the Southwest. After the injury of Delaney's hand forced the postponement from Nov. 17, the original date, to Dec. 15, Lackey decided to hold it over until the celebration.

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JESS WILLARD WOULD FIGHT FLOYD JOHNSON

Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion of the world, evidently despairing of getting a promised return match with Jack Dempsey which has failed to materialize, is reported to have expressed his willingness to take on Floyd Johnson, the Iowa heavyweight. Johnson got his ring start in California and is now something of a sensation in New York where he has scored several wins the most notable of which was stopping Bob Martin. Willard also says he is in fine condition and "will surprise a lot of wise guys." If he gets another fight with Dempsey it will surprise more than that.

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CLIFF KRAMER WANTS REVENGE ON LODGE

Word comes from California that Cliff Kramer, former St. Paul heavyweight, has fought himself out of opponents on the Coast and yearns to return to Minnesota seeking new fighters to conquer. He specifically avers that he would like a chance to avenge his defeat by Farmer Lodge, who knocked him out in seven rounds at St. Paul. Kramer is reported to have added a lot of weight during his stay on the Coast and now fights around 220. This makes him almost as big as Lodge who states that he will be glad to accommodate Kramer, any time, any place.

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RICKARD CAN'T GET YANKEES' NEW STADIUM

Indications are that Tex Rickard will not be able to realize his plan to stage a fight between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills at the new stadium of the New York American League ball club. Rickard is said to have obtained the consent of the owners of the Yankees for the use of the stadium which seats 100,000. Later, however, it was reported that they had been "scared off" the proposition through fear that if they permitted the park to be used for boxing the tax on baseball games would be increased to equal that on boxing contests which is five per cent. If Rickard wishes to stage the Dempsey-Wills fight on June 30th as planned, he will have to take it to his own stadium at Boyles acres, Jersey City.

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VILLA WANTS $25,000 TO FIGHT GENARO

The proposed fight between Pancho Villa, American flyweight champion, and Frankie Genaro at Jersey City has been called off. Genaro's manager said that Villa had demanded a guarantee of $25,000 for a decision bout with Genaro in New York.

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BILLY MURRAY NEAR DEATH IN ARIZONA

"Fighting Billy" Murray, who a few years ago was one of the leading middleweights, is reported dying of tuberculosis in Arizona. Murray was brought out by Jack Kearns before Kearns "found" Jack Dempsey, and he fought all of the first class middles and light heavies including Jack Dillon, Eddie McGoorty, Tom Gibbons and others. He gave Gibbons one of the hardest battles of Tom's career at Hudson, Wis., where Mike Collins promoted boxing. Murray's eyes failed him in 1918 and he retired from the ring.

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CLABBY WINS FIGHT BUT LOSES DECISION

Jimmy Clabby, former great middleweight, ran afoul of one of those queer decision that are handed out to visiting boxers in Denver, Colo. Clabby boxed Denver Tommy Commiskey there recently and, according to the report of the Denver Express, won nine of the twelve rounds. The account goes on to say that Clabby easily outpointed Commiskey in all but three rounds, was vastly superior at infighting and mussed up Tommy continually with uppercuts and a fast left. Commiskey floored Clabby for the seven count when he landed a wild haymaker in the eleventh round. He was presented with the decision for that one lucky punch.

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PRINCETON FOOTBALL COACH ON BOXING COMMISSION

William Roper, head football coach at Princeton and a member of the Philadelphia city council, has been appointed a member of the new city boxing commission. William Hollenback, former Penn football coach, was also named on the commission.

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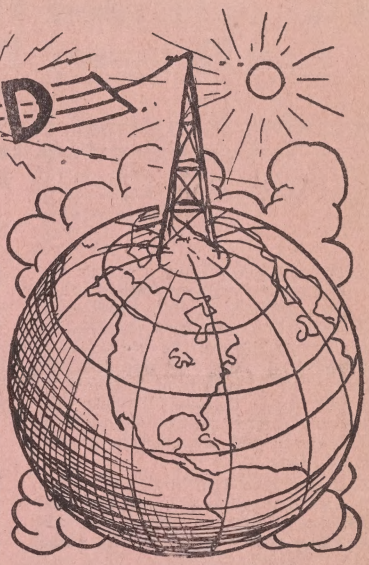
ONE-EYED CONNELLY SEEKS NEW GATES TO CRASH

With his golf sticks, eight trunks and a secretary, One-Eyed Connelly, the famous touring gentleman, has checked into New Orleans for the winter. No turnstile at fight club or race track is safe.

Scandal attended One-Eye's departure from New York on the eve of the world series, the supreme crash of the regular sporting season for crashers of high and low degree. Tammany Young, recognized champion crasher at all rates of admission, bribed One-Eye to take it on the leg from here, thereby removing his principal rival for the championship.

When he should have been tricking the gate-men the Polo grounds, One-Eye was taking easy workouts busting the contemptible little entrance to the race track in Cleveland. About six weeks ago he checked into the Indianapolis Times office and raised a riot at Eddie Ashe's deck. Jeff Davis, whilom king of the hoboes, was doing his monologue in Eddie's ear and One-Eye talked them both unconscious.

OF THE WORLD



IT'S BECAUSE IT ISN'T MUCH

Connelly was next heard from at Lade park track, near Henderson, Ky., taking the gate every day in easy fashion. He seemed to be in great form to tackle one of Tex Rickard's big shows.

"Well, here I am," he writes now from New Orleans. "I got a secretary named Cinders and he looks like he might be a comer. We get into town on the Southern's best train from Birmingham. I'm going to learn him all about crashing. They use rotten coal down South. We aren't cleaned up yet but I aim to promote us a bath next week."

FRANKIE DARREN
And Manager Joe Downey of Ogden, Utah

EVERYTHING GOES IN ARGENTINA BOXING

Buenos Aires, Argentina.—Prize fights are barred by law in the Argentine, but nevertheless prize fights are held and a fighter isn't disqualified because he bites, scratches or pulls hair, if the affair is before a local referee.

A Buenos Aires boxer appeared recently before his friends with his face disfigured, the wounds indicating that a set of good strong teeth had found lodgment there. He said he had given an exhibition match and that his opponent had proceeded to bite him in the face.

"And what did you do?" ha was asked.

"I bit him on the shoulder."

There has been only one big fight in the Argentine—that between the heavyweights Luis Firpo and Jim Tracey—but the local fights are frequent and howlingly patronized.

The Argentine takes his prize fight with a great deal of earnestness and the noise attending a contest reaches the proportion of a full-grown riot.

An unpopular fight or the opponent of a favorite needs all the police protection he can get, for the crowds will come storming against the ropes on very little provocation.

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JIM TRACEY BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Jim Tracey, Australian heavyweight, who went to South America to fight Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine champion, and was knocked out in their bout at Buenos Aires, has arrived back in the states. Tracey's next start in this country will be against Homer Smith at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Dec. 15th.

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MIAMI HAS BOXING DESPITE ANTI-FIGHT LAW

Although prize fighting is illegal in Florida under an old state law, boxing shows are permitted in Miami, where all city officials occupy ringside seats at the bouts. Ed Douglass is the promoter, and he stages two shows weekly throughout the winter season from Dec. 1st to April 15th. He holds his shows in the Armory which seats 1,200 and he draws from $1,000 up on each card. Promoter Douglass has shown some of the best boxers of the East and the South. He writes the Boxing Blade that the anti-prize fight law was an aftermath of the Jim Corbett-Charlie Mitchell world's championship battle at Jacksonville many years ago and that nobody believes in it. Miami has a boxing commission appointed by the city manager, who takes the place of a mayor in that city. Douglass has been promoting boxing and wrestling there for four years.

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THIS BANTAM ISSUES DEFI TO ALL IN CLASS

Byron Foutts of Canton, Ohio, manager of Frankie Portogallo, bantamweight, wants the boxing world to know that his boy challenges any bantam in the business, and so he sent his defi to the Boxing Blade for publication. Portogallo, who meets George Parr, featherweight, at Canton, Dec. 8th, takes them all on from 118 to 124 pounds.

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BOXING SHOWS DRAW GOOD IN INDIANAPOLIS

Nate Forb, matchmaker for the American Athletic club at Indianapolis, has signed Louie Lavelle, Anderson, Ind., lightweight, with Jimmy Dalton of Indianapolis for ten rounds on Dec. 12th. He writes that his shows are drawing good houses.

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JIMMIE POTTS IN CHARGE OF AMATEUR SHOW

Jimmie Potts, veteran Minneapolis boxer and referee, has been placed in charge of the amateur boxing show which the Giantvalley post of the American Legion will stage at the citizens club, Dec. 6th. Potts plans to card twelve bouts. A. R. Morshare of the Union State bank will handle the business.

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BUD TAYLOR WINS OVER BILLY O'BRIEN

Bud Taylor, Terre Haute, Ind., bantamweight, defeated Billy O'Brien of Duluth, Minn., in an eight-round bout at the Sportsmen's club at Peoria, Ill., Nov. 27th. Taylor took every round by a wide margin.

Old Bill Bumgardener attended the big picnic at Grand Valley and stayed over to watch the dance at night. Bill doesn't get out into the world much.

"Some of th's ladies' clothes I seen up there puts me in mind of a bob-wire fence."

Somebody asked George how any girl's frock could remind him of a barb-wire fence.

"Well," says George, "it's this way—they appear to protect th' property without obstructin' th' view."

Who Is Hardest Hitting Boxer in Ring History? Can Dempsey Punch Harder Than Sullivan Could?

Experts Take Different Sides on This Question and It Looks Like Hard Matter to Decide Just Which is Right—Jim Coffroth Favors Present Champion But Al Spink Maintains That Old John L. Was the Greater Hitter

BY AL SPINK

FEW men today have a better line on the old and new pugilists than Jim Coffroth of San Francisco.

Having for years been the leading fight club manager of the Pacific Coast and having in that time had dealings with all the big and little pugilists of the past three decades Coffroth has had a fine chance to size them all up and discover just what there was in each of them.

Assisting him, too, in this direction was his fine eye sight, his splendid knowledge of human nature and his thorough mastery of the boxing game in all its ramifications.

It is because of all this that Coffroth should be the best judge of a champion of any man living.

Only the other day in sizing up all the great fighters that have come and gone since Sullivan's time Coffroth put Jeffries and the present Jack Dempsey at the very head of the class.

Coffroth thinks that no man of all the great American pugilists could hit as hard a blow as Dempsey and he bases his opinion probably on the fearful blows that Dempsey showered on Jess Willard at Toledo.

If any one of the old fighters compared with Dempsey then, according to Coffroth, that man was Jeffries. He does not seem to consider John L. Sullivan in the same class as those two.

Here is where Coffroth and I cannot agree for according to my honest belief Sullivan in his prime could have whipped all the big and little fighters that have come since his time and performed the task easily.

No one could judge of Sullivan's real skill and speed as a fighter except one who saw him in the zenith of his power.

Many who saw Jeffries fall before Johnson at Reno charged that Jeffries was never a fighter.

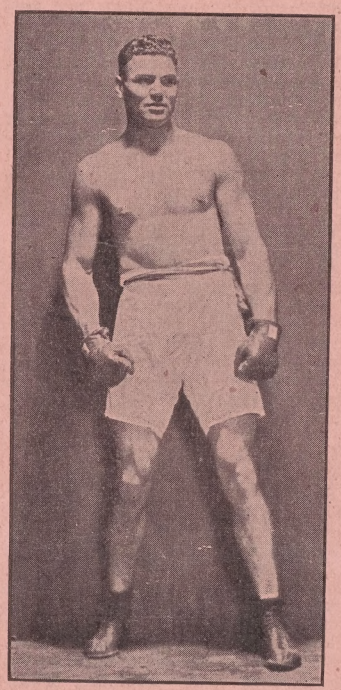
And their verdict might be likened to the claim of those who never saw Sullivan until he had reached that point where the epigastrium had commenced to expand and when his speed, skill and strength as a pugilist had vanished.

Not one of the writers who belittle the skill of Sullivan ever saw him in his first fight for the championship.

Ergo, not one of them can write faithfully of the strength and skill of the Boston boy when he was at the top rung of his career.

The statement that he won the championship from Paddy Ryan when the latter was 52 years of age and played out is easily proven false and When he met Sullivan he was in his thirtieth year.

On February 7, 1882, when Ryan met Sullivan, he was in appearance well worthy of the name of Troy Giant He stood over six feet in height, weighed 205 pounds, and was magnificently built and muscled. Added to this was the prestige he carried as champion.



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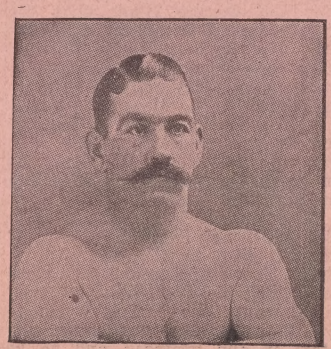

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Sullivan on this seventh day of February, 1882, when he faced the champion, was in his twenty-fourth year.

But he was noted even at this time for his prodigious strength and the knowing ones before the fight offered $100 to $80 that John L. would defeat the Trojan.

In my long career as boxing writer I have never seen before or since a pugilist who I thought could compare with Sullivan as I saw him that day at Mississippi City.

Mighty men since that long ago have tried for the heavyweight championship.

The men who have held it in turn since then are Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Johnson, Willard and Dempsey.

I have seen all these men when they were at the very top crest of their careers and I do not believe that any one of them could have defeated Sullivan as he was that day when he met and defeated Ryan for the world's championship.

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Hot Shots of Boxing News from Chicago

SENSATIONS! Well, Jack Eile, "The Fighting Fool," created one of these the other night when he substituted on a one day's notice and put up the greatest battle witnessed around these parts in years and he gave Eddie Anderson the toughtest ten rounds that Anderson has encountered since his invasion of Chicago, and Eddie has boxed Mike Dundee and Joe Burman in this vicinity. Eile gave him plenty that he will remember for quite a while and only Anderson's better condition told in the closing rounds. Manager Larney Litchenstien immediately signed Jack to box Joe Burman here on Dec. 15.

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CHARLEY WHITE! I'll take $25,000," says Richie Mitchell in N. Y. headline. This was the Milwaukee battler's demand when an offer was made by Tex Rickard for the Garden. Richie claims that White is as good as Leonard and is more dangerous and that is what he received when he boxed the Champ in that famous contest.

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WEEKLY VISITORS were Tommy O'Brien, who defeated K. O. Jaekle and the latter's manager, Sam Jordon. Matchmaker John Wagner of Kenosha, Johnny Tannor of Minneapolis on his way to Detroit, Chet Koppel and Otto Borchert, scribe and promoter, who were down from the Cream City to see O'Brien box.

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JOCK MALONE, boxing one of the preliminaries, — sounds strange, but it is true. Malone was asked by Promoter Jim Mullen to referee the Eile and Anderson contest and when the St. Paul battler heard that his many friends were going to present him with a diamond-studded belt, Jock insisted on boxing for his numerous friends in that vicinity. He scored a four-round knock-out over Jack Duffy and refused to accept any pay for his services.

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VINCENT PORKONI, the Cleveland welter, who has boxed Lew Tendler, has arrived in town and was matched by his manager, Maxey Lando, to trade punches with the promising Mickey Forkins at a private club. Porkoni in his workouts has shown good form and, if he gets over the Forkin's hurdle he will seek matches with Sailor Friedman and Morrie Schlaiffer.

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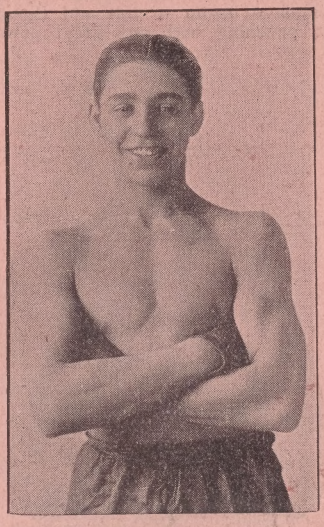
HAROLD SMITH, can be called a junior bantam, because he is too heavy for Pancho Villa and too light for Joe Lynch, according to the N. Y. "Comish" new ruling. They say no one can have any weight on Pancho, but Manager Buck Montgomery will send him East just the same after his bout with Pal Moore. Smith only weighs 114 pounds but takes them all on.

EVER HAMMER, after a hard season with Lew Tendler and Benny Leonard, will again don the mitts when Manager George Ferguson will take the blonde battler to Cincinnati to box K. O. Mars. Ferguson has mapped out a campaign that will put Ever back in the limelight he was in when in his last comeback stunt he defeated Charley White and Richie Mitchell.

TOMMY O'BRIEN, who showed here the other night with K. O. Jaekle, has been offered a date with Johnny Dundee in Milwaukee for Dec. 29, when his suspension ends in Wisconsin. Tommy has an offer from a Boston promoter for three battles at $3,000 a fight, which the former



SAMMY MANDELL
Flashy Chicago Bantamweight

coast boxer is considering. O'Brien speaks well of a youngster from the coast, Ernie Gooseman, whom he will bring out this way and wants to match him with the best feather-weights.

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SAMMY MANDELL took another step forward when he outpointed the clever Joey Sanger in Milwaukee last week. Promoter Otto Borchert is trying to arrange a Lynch match for Mandell. No credit can be taken away from the little Jewish lad as Mandell was in quite a battle and Joey will be there in six months. His style is a repetition of Benny Leonard and all he needs is the experience.

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SAILOR FRIEDMAN signed a contract with John Wagner, who runs his shows in Kenosha and depends on the Chicago crowd. Wagner was in town last week and is after the best looking match at the present time. Wagner has wired to Leo P. Flynn for Dave Shade to be Friedman's opponent but up to the present writing there isn't any answer as yet. Sailor is working daily for his bout with Pete Latzo in Philadelphia on Dec. 11 and he will appear in a bout with Special Delivery Hirsh for a local church, gratis.

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DAVEY MILLER, the Windy City referee, has offers from all parts of the country to officiate which he is taking to the best of his advantage. At present, Miller is official referee at Omaha, Davenport, two Chicago clubs. He will handle the Greb and Delaney battle in Oklahoma City on Dec. 17.

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European Boxing News and Gossip

BY THE BOXING MAJOR

Special Cable to Boxing Blade.

LONDON, ENGLAND. — Bartley Madden, American heavyweight, won the decision on points over Guardsman Penwill, former British army heavyweight, in a fifteen-round bout here Nov. 27th. Madden proved too tough and fast for the English fighter.

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LONDON, ENG.—Dick Smith's win over George Cook by a knockout in the 15th round had the swell members of the N. S. C. behaving like school children. Smith has stepped into the place left vacant by Bombadier Wells. Of course, Wells will always be a certain attraction but his recent wretched performances have lost him many, many admirers. Cook fought well, in fact, quite up to the best he has shown over here. Yet he could do nothing with the 37-year-old ex-amateur. Smith boxed coolly and in the typical old English style, as pictured by Charlie Mitchell, Tom Sayers, and others of a by-gone era. The Australian's lack of punching power is still evident, Smith even beating him in this. I doubt if Smith will beat Beckett, who with all his faults, has a wallop and can box more than a little. Smith will naturally gain confidence by continued success and I see no reason why he should not win a few more fights before he packs his trunks away for good.

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The Australians lost a bunch of money in bets. They were banking on the belief that their luck had turned. Lloyd put them in this train by a couple of wins, one down in Wales over Llewellyn, Jim Driscoll's "find" and another against Phil Suffling at the Ring Arena. Further support of their "luck" theory came from some good wins at the races.

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Phil Suffling at one time was touted as a "white hope" and was a discovery of Horatio Bottomley, the member of Parliament who was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for fraud recently. Bottomley is one of the cleverest men in Great Britain and had he chosen to run straight could have reached a very high position in this country. He had a wonderful knowledge of the law which kept him out of its clutches for years. When he was running his paper "John Bull," he started a big training camp for boxers. The published idea was to turn out real champions at all weights, actually, it was nothing more than an advertising stunt. No one of any account came out from the camp.

Suffling, a huge muscle-bound fellow, won a competition at the ring Arena, but failed to do anything afterwards.

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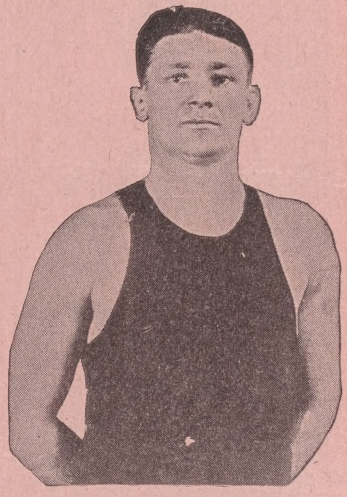
The lightweight division promises to promote some good battles. Seaman Hall, the title holder, has done little to enthuse over since he wrested the title from Ernie Rice. He lost to Alex Ireland a couple of weeks back and at Premierland recently could only share the honors with Harry Mason. The latter match was made at 2 lbs. over the title limit so that the Seaman crown was not involved, but whilst Mason scaled only 131½ lbs., all declined to weigh admitting overweight and paid forfeit. It was a poor bout. Hall appeared fully 14 lbs. heavier than the Provincial who had the best of the earlier rounds. He made the champion miss repeatedly and boxing much the faster scored quickly with lefts to the face. At the half way stage the Seaman's extra poundage began to tell and though not punching with any great power he did just enough to earn a draw at the finish of the 20 rounds. On this showing Hall is likely to lose his title when he fixes up with Johnny Brown, the Scotch champion. There are others in the running for the 135 lbs. title, notably Fred Archer and Alf Simmons. It should be noted that Hall did not train for his engagement with Mason, a fact that may have had a lot to do with his mediocre display.



BARTLEY MADDEN
American Heavyweight Now in England

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As most people expected Walter Rossi failed to stop Eugene Criqui's winning streak over in Paris. Two and a half minutes sufficed to dispose of the Welshman's claims to title honors. Criqui flooring Rossi soon after the start for a count of 9. On rising Rossi stood up for a toe-to-toe slam and caught a left hook on the point for the full count.

It is stated here that Jack Dempsey is coming across again. What for? The only hope of a Siki bout lies in Siki beating Beckett. An unlikely happening in my opinion. He might get a few vaudeville engagements that would not pay his expenses out and home. Carpentier is out of the question and I don't think the writers here are enthusiastic over a Beckett-Dempsey match.

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Mick McTigue opened his European campaign with a success at the expense of Johnny Basham. Johnny has passed out of the title class and ought to retire from the game. His three beatings by Ted Lewis convinced most that, though still retaining his great boxing skill his stamina has gone. Against McTigue he exhibited glimpses of his cleverness, but failed to stand up to the hard punching of the Irish-American, who appears to be a good class middleweight and one who might extend the all-conquering Ted Lewis.

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Jim Driscoll's heavyweight discovery is another "frost." He failed to beat Albert Lloyd who has been defeated by nearly all the second raters here. Driscoll threw in the towel in the 14th round to save his boy further punishment.

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Tommy O'Brien of Los Angeles has sent a challenge to the sporting papers here to meet Seaman Hall. Nothing is likely to come of it unless O'Brien actually comes here. He could get several bouts with Seaman Hall, Johnny Brown, Fred Archer, Mike Honeyman and others, but the financial end would probably not be so good as he gets in America, after taking out transportation, training, etc.

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When Jack Meets Ed

NOTE—According to recent newspaper reports, Jack Dempsey has accepted an offer from Al H. Woods, theatrical producer, for three matches for a guarantee of approximately a million dollars for the champion. Two of these matches are to be with the best heavyweight fighters who are regarded as contenders that can be obtained, and the other is a mixed bout with Ed "Strangler" Lewis, champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of the world. In the latter bout, Dempsey would be permitted to fight or wrestle, while Lewis would be confined to grappling. The object of the bout would be to decide which is the best means of self-defense, boxing or wrestling. Both have many supporters. Following is one writer's idea of such a match set forth in verse:

By Jay J. Thomas

WHILE admirers sing the praises of their own exalted champs,
Some argue that the "uppercut" will win the day from "clamps"
Could Demon Dempsey rock the Strangler to Morpheus with a clout?
Or could Lewis screw the headlock on till Dempsey's eyes pop out?

Picture in your minds eye two super-men of sport,
Engaging in a mixed bout and to all tricks resort;
With nothing barred in wallops, nothing barred in holds
And pile driving punches against a python's folds.

If Dempsey misses his first punch and Lewis gets behind him
And slips a wrist or hammerlock upon Jack to remind him
That in the clinches Strangler always does his stuff
And with a tweak, a gentle twist he treats the Demon rough.

But should the Dempsey wallop land and such is in the question,
The resin from the canvas may cause Strangler indigestion;
If the "heel" he gave at Wichita was ether to Zbyszko,
A spank from the Demon's dark one will land him out by Frisco.

While struggling with might and main, and working in the clinches,
The rabbit punch may stretch the Strangler's neck out several inches;
A flying mare give Dempsey a glimpse of fleeting faces
And cause him to recline and gaze out where a world of space is.

Should the grappler grip the tootsie and turn the trilby tweaking,
The perspiration might burst forth and cause the pug some shrieking;
But should the leaping Lewis meet a counter swift and certain,
Bring forth the crepe, apply the ice, ring down the final curtain.

Against a champ who doesn't carry guns of such large bore,
The matman would very likely put him down forevermore;
But the vulnerable spots where Jack's blows are sure to land,
Are all the same on head or hoof for each will wreck a man.

So if the snappy, sinful Socker meets the Adam's apple locker,
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